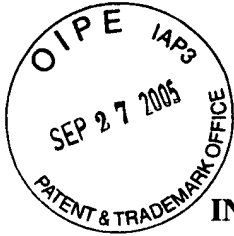


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10-12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto (US 5,315,407) ["Sakamoto"] in view of Delabastita (US 5,828,463) ["Delabastita"] and Bouton (Inside ADOBE® Photoshop® 5, by Gary David Bouton,